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- 1. East Germany is suffering from a serious shortage of steel used in the manufacture of shafts, screws, rectifier parts, measurement devices, etc. East German factories have received allocations for only 60 percent of the / Table (steel provided for in the original 1954 material allocation plan, which was drafted in January 1954. The original plan was later revised upward, so that plants have received only 40 percent of the allocations provided for in the plan which is currently valid. It must be borne in mind, however, that these allocations exist only on paper. Actually, wast German enterprises received only about 12 percent of their steel requirements during the first quarter of 1954 (based on the plan currently valid).
  - 2. In East Germany | isteel is produced by VEB Walzwerk fuer Schwarzmetall in Thale, VEB Walzwerk Hennigsdorf and VEB Walzwerk Riesa.

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